



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

- WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners (NPs) are advanced practice registered nurses who serve as trusted frontline providers of health care for patients. Nurse practitioners possess advanced medical training and clinical education beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; and
- WHEREAS: For more than 50 years, nurse practitioners have worked to improve the health and well-being of Georgia citizens. Nurse practitioners diagnose and treat illnesses, and prescribe medications and other treatments while utilizing a patient-centered and holistic model of care; and
- WHEREAS: There are approximately 248,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States and more than 10,000 licensed nurse practitioners in Georgia who provide primary, acute, and specialty care to patients; and
- WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners combine clinical expertise in diagnosing and treating health conditions with an additional emphasis on disease prevention and health management to assess patients, interpret diagnostic tests, make diagnoses, and initiate and manage treatment plans; and
- WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners are increasingly important for our nation's health care system as they serve in primary care roles for more individuals; and
- WHEREAS: The skills and service of nurse practitioners are helping to create a more accessible, efficient, and cost-effective health care system; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 11-17, 2018, as NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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